

**ABSTRACT****CARTRIDGE FOR THE PREPARATION OF BEVERAGES**

5           A cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients  
and being formed from substantially air- and water-  
impermeable materials, the cartridge comprising an outer  
member defining a storage chamber in which is stored the one  
or more beverage ingredients and an inner member having a  
10 discharge spout forming an outlet for outflow of beverage  
formed from the one or more beverage ingredients,  
characterised in that the inner member forms a load-bearing  
member.